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ABSTRACT

This study of Arabic culture, language, history, and nationalism provides an inside view of key issues in understanding the Arab world. It combines detailed readings of Arabic nationalist literature, the scholarly literature on nationalism, and sociolinguistics work on language and national identity. Seven chapters focus on the following issues: (1) "The Arabic Language and National Identity: Aims and Scope" (e.g., aims of the study and organization of the book); (2) "Setting the Scene" (definition, two modes of defining the nation, two types of nation and nationalism, and language and national identity); (3) "The Past Lives on" (e.g., in praise of Arabic, wisdom of the Arabs, and the Arabs as a nation); (4) "The Arabic Language Unites Us" (e.g., from Ottomanism to Turkism, from Ottomanism to Arabism, and Ibrahim al-Yaziji: from immediate aims to underlying motives); (5) "Arabic, First and Foremost" (e.g., under the banner of Arabic, Sati' al-Husri: Arabic first and foremost, and Zaki al-Arsuzi: the genius of the Arab nation inheres in its language); (6) "The Arabic Language and Territorial Nationalism" (e.g., the Arabic language and Egyptian nationalism and the Arabic language and Lebanese nationalism); and (7) "Conclusion: Looking Back, Looking Forward." (Contains approximately 450 references.) (SM)

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